

## **Foothill Traffic Calming E-mail to Gary Pence**

10/9/2017

Hi Gary

It took me forever. I think I found most of the history.

July 2015: Approved the foothill corridor traffic calming concept

July 2017: PBPG comments on design and Letter to you.

I know there is more somewhere. Let me know if you need something else. I have traffic subcommittee on Thursday

Chris

### **Minutes July 2015**

Item 9 – 8:05 Traffic & Parking (Action and Information Items)

Presenter: Michael Beltran

1. Foothill Traffic Calming Project Conceptual Design (Action Item)

Subcommittee recommends motion to approve.

Ambrose put together a design to slow traffic. Has roundabouts. Wants to approve his design and send to relevant city departments. Make safer, allow residents to park in driveways, reduce water runoff issues, reduce heat island, enhance community identity, serve as a model, complete streets example for the city. Scott Chipman – likes the plan. 10% of PB drives through that street. We should solicit space in the Beach and Bay press so public is aware of this. Jim Krokee – Beryl and Foothill intersection is terrible. Sign saying 5 tons limit, never been enforced. Tom Coat – re: Chipman's point. Went to all residents on these streets and adjacent streets. Almost all wanted traffic calming measures. Harry Couch – How do the smaller circles work? Ambrose will send examples. Attendee – keep plants low for visibility. 1st: Jim Morrison 2nd: Paula. Approved 16-0

### **Minutes July 26, 2017**

Item 11 – Streets and Sidewalks Subcommittee (Action Items) Presenter: Chris Olson

A. Foothill Blvd./Loring St. Traffic Circle feedback to city

Roundabout at Loring/Foothill - Stormwater management is a problem and needs to be addressed. Landscaping /Hardscape not sure. Need to know our options for beautification. Bike safety. Center circle move to the west. Loring cut-through needs to be eliminated, due to pedestrian safety. Lighting is critical, activated signals, pedestrian safety.

Public Comment

Pedestrian safety/protection. Use of a yield sign to provide protection. Three-way traffic circle. Looks odd - oval shape, traffic north on Foothill.

Baylor Triplett moved to approve this traffic circle as presented with subcommittee recommendations. Jason Legros seconded.

Approved 15-0-0

B. Recognition letter for Pence and Marabian

Chris Olson moved to approve this Certification of Appreciation. Steve Pruett seconded.

Approved 15-0-0

## **Letter to Gary Pence**

Pacific Beach Planning Group

July 26th 2017

To: Gary Pence, Senior Traffic Engineer, City of San Diego Cc: Oscar Cortez, Assoc. Engineer, Traffic  
Linda Marabian, Deputy Director Brian Genovese, Senior Traffic Engineer, Bicycle Program Michael Prinz,  
Senior Planner, Planning Dept. Lori Zapf, City of San Diego Councilmember, D2

From: Henish Pulickal, Chairperson, PBPG

RE: Traffic Calming on Foothill Corridor

The Pacific Beach community has been voicing concern about vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian safety in the Foothill Corridor for many years now and the PBPG has supported these efforts requesting lower speed limits and approval of conceptual plans for traffic calming using a series of traffic circles.

Recently, the city approved budgeting and began design of a traffic circle at Loring and Foothill. Thank you for that. The PBPG has reviewed the preliminary design and has the following comments:

1. Storm water management: Water pooling is currently a big problem and needs to be addressed in this project. There is a flooding concern. Rain gardens should be employed if feasible.
2. Landscaping/hardscaping and aesthetics. The group would like to see alternatives for how this will be addressed. The look of this infrastructure improvement is very important and a critical element that must be well defined and understood by the community. Can we employ the SD urban forestry (free trees) initiative? Can we employ low maintenance landscaping and who would maintain? Can we use different layers of attractive hardscape? What about an iconic sculpture like a Balzac?
3. Bicycle Safety needs to be addressed in the design.
4. The entire center point of the project should be shifted west and attempt to create more of a circle. The SE bound Foothill to SW bound Loring bypass should be eliminated as it will cause a safety hazard for pedestrian crossings and this routing is rarely used anyway.

The East bound Loring to SW bound Foothill appears to be more of a bypass than a traffic circle entry and exit. There is concern of speeding and safety. 5. Lighting is important and especially for pedestrians at night. 6. Pedestrian activated lighting/signal should be considered. Pedestrian safety as in fencing to prevent pedestrians from crossing in wrong place should be considered. 7. There was a concern that early morning "sun in their eyes" might cause a safety hazard. 8. If cost savings on this intersection can be moved to expenditures at Foothill and Vickie then we should make every effort to lower these costs and spend them on the rest of the corridor 9. Driveway removal/changes need to be addressed with property owners. Specifically, the owner at 4990 Foothill is concerned about losing one of their 2 driveways.

Thank you for your work in our community for the safety of everyone. The PBPG will continue to engage the community and be actively involved.